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ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Lenten Season Full of Meaning This Year

EASTER FLOWERS FOR ALTAR

Sunday, March 17th The Fifth Sunday in Lent. (Passion Sunday.)

Services: 10.30, Morning Prayer Litany and Sermon.

11.45, Sunday School session.

7.30, Evening Prayer and Address.

MEETINGS

The Parish Guild will meet on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, at the residence of Miss Lydia Cochran, South Broad street.

LENT

Never, in our experience, has a Lent come to us so full of meaning as it does this year. More and more we are realizing the awful fact of war. At first it seemed so far off and the interference with our daily lives was so slight thot the impressions made were not very deep. Now, however, the effects are beginning to tell in so many ways that we cannot help feeling the grip of the monster. The Honor roll is growing—more and more of our families are putting up the service flag with the reminding star telling of an absent boy; the meatless and wheatless and heatless days, the messages of the Food Commissioner telling us of the need of strict economy, the portioning out of fuel as rations are portioned out in army camps, all these bring home to us the fact that we are not merely living in a time of war, but that we are a very party to the struggle. Just as individuals must make their sacrifices so the Church must bear Her part in the self-denials. In former years the people were called to the practice of self-denial, but the Church was more lavish in opportunities given for worship and prayer, for quiet meditatian before Her altar. This year some of the services were necessarily omitted but we are to look forward to a Holy Week of activity and for a blessed Easter.

Lent is the preparation time for Easter. And a well spent Lent will mean a happy Easter. Easter is a "Day of Obligation," that is, a day on which every communicant of the church is expected to make communion unless kept from church by illness.

Our young people are manifesting considerable interest in earning money for their Lenten mite boxes. The later ones are to be returned at Easter (without fail) and the money so collected is used for Missions which means preaching the gospel throughout the world.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Envelopes will be found in the pews on this Sunday in which contributions for the Easter Flowers may be placed. These are intended to enable everyone who so desires to make a contribution, however small it may be. The Easter decoration should be beautiful without extravagance, and their significance as a recognition of the blessings of Eastertide is greatly enhanced when they represent the thought of a large number of our people. The envelope containing your offering may be deposited in the boxes at the end of the church or in the offertory plate on Sunday. Any amount will be acceptable and will be just that much assistance to the Altar Guild. Of course, we shall be glad to receive the loan of any plants or flowers.

The Quiet Hours for Women under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, will this year be conducted by Bishop Kinsman in Trinity Church, on the Monday before Easter, which is also the Feast of the Annunciation of St. Mary, the Virgin. The exercises will begin with a celebration of the Holy Communioa at 10 o'clock, and will continue until one o'clock All the women of the diocese are invited to attend.

ODESSA

Mr. Andrew Miller, of Philadelphia, visited relatives in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whittock have been visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Frank Lynam, of near Wilmington, visited his sister Mrs. William Craig this week.

Miss Georgia Enos, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enos.

Miss Blanche Wiest, of near Silverside, spent Sunday at her home accompanied by Mrs. John Stidham, of Wilmington.

Messrs. Charles and Elwood Riley, of Philadelphia and Mrs. John Buehm and grandson, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mr. Allen Sparks and family.

Help The Old Ladies Home

The good friends of the Old Ladies' Home in Wilmington are not responding in their donations to that worthy institution as generously as heretofore. Will not these kind benefactors spare some of their canned goods, etc,, to help supply the needs of these aged ladies left with no other protectors than the general public?

This is an especial duty of this community because it has received in the past a very generous share of this kindly bounty, and has there at this time three representatives, a number out of proportion to the town's quota. Donations may be left at the residence of Mrs M. B. Burris, North Broad street.

MILLION BOYS FOR FARMS

A national enrollment week, to enlist 1,000,000 boys for work on the farms during the coming season, will be inaugursted March 18. The United States Boys' Working Reserve will conduct the campaign. Federal State directors are at work in forty States snd the District of Columbia laying the groundwork of the coming "drive." Too much importance cannot be attached to farm labor, says officials in charge of this work. The world needs food and the food must be grown on the farm. Already plans have been prepared for giving farmers every facility for obtaining labor this season. In some communities, however, there will be a scarcity which cannot be filled easily. In these sections boys, and even women, must step in. To what extent women will be needed has not been determined. The need of boys' labor is forseen, however. State Councils of National Defense and other agencies will aid the drive. The eight States which so far are without directors are Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington. The director of Delaware is J. M. Armstrong of Wilmington.

NEW JURY PANEL

Jury Commissioner Robert D. Kemp and Acting Commissioner John Nivin Tuesday afternoon drew the following petit jurors for service in the Court of General Sessons and the Superior Court during the period commencing March 19:

First Representative district—John J. Clark, Hugh Duffy, John Books, Jr., Leonard G. Behringer.

Second—Max Clement, Leo M. Montgomery, Frank Edgar, Clarence A. Darby.

Third—George C. McKay, John J. Kennedy, Frank Wright, William Kennedy.

Fourth—Charles C. Loeber, James Grant, Samuel Brown, John A. Clark.

Fifth—Granville P. Alexander, Frank M. Sevier, James B. Oberly, Thomas F. Magarity.

Sixth—Willson Leach, J. Franklin Cole.

Seventh—Roland Davis, Samuel M Harvey.

Eighth—Harvey Ball George D. Short.

Ninth—James Crow, John K. Johnson.

Tenth—Robert H. Harrington, W. Leslie Cramer.

Eleventh—William J. McAvoy, Harry McIntyre.

Twelth—Clarence Jamison, John A. Collins.

Thirteenth—William H. George, George D. McCoy.

Fourteenth—Myers B. Donovan, J. Clarence Hutchinson.

Fifteenth—Frank Stevenson, Elijah Gardner.

New Century Club Notes

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Clara Brady Green occupied the chair at the meeting of the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. George McIntire, B. A., was to have given a lecture, but because of his inability to be present, Prof. Henry Hanby Hay, of New Castle, gave the program. Prof. Hay dramatically presented to a small number of members, Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". Mrs. Hugh Browne closed the program with a vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Mary Hutchin.

Jack And The Beanstalk

Everybody, his wife and his "kid" should go to the Town Hall Monday night next, and see that wonderful spectacular movie, "Jack and the Beanstalk," that has been running for six months at the Globe Theatre, in New York City at high prices. It cost $500,000, to make this big film, and the vast forest preservers, the mountains and valleys of California, of old Mexico, New Mexico and Hawaii, were visited for that purpose.

The Giant is 8 feet 6 inches, weighs 480 pounds, and wears a No. 26 shoe and a 30 collar! This splendid spectacle can be seen here for the trifle of 10 and 25 cents. All children should see the beautiful wonder!

District Food Administrator

Mr. George V. Beverly has been appointed Federal Food Adminstrator for the sixth district of New Castle County, and Mr. Richard Hodgson has also been appointed for the seventh district. These gentlemen will be glad to give the public any information in their possession on this subject.

Stieff Piano Recital

Don't miss the Piano Recital to be given, Monday, March 18th, at Fogel & Burstan's Store, by William J. Gilbert, Esq., upon the occasion of his second Exhibition of thd Stieff Piano which was so favorably received by our citizens upon its first exhibit here last year.

Miss Lola Ingram will entertain visitors with her skilful playing.

Indian Runner Duck Eggs for sale.
J. C. GREEN, Jr.

WANTFD—A cook. Good wages. No washing. Two in family.
Mrs. J. B. MESSICK.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mrs. William Whitlock spent Friday in Wilmington.

Miss Edith Eliason, of Wilmington, was a Sunday guest of relatives here.

Dr. D. W. Lewis is visiting his wife who is spending two months at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. James L. Warren and Mrs. Emily J. Roberts were in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mrs. Norman P. Crouch, of Wilmington, was a week-end guest of her sister Mrs. J. C. Jolls.

Mrs. L.H. Southard, of Wilmington, has been visiting her brother Dr. W. S. P. Combs and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Richards, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with their parents here.

Miss Ruby Whitlock spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. Allen E. Evans in Trainer, Pa.

Miss Orah Spry spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Laurence Reynolds in Wilmington.

Mr. William Gallagher, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gallagher.

Mr. Philip Vinyard, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinyard.

Mrs. Catherine Couselman, of Collingswood, N J., is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. K. Betts.

Miss Sarah Crossland, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her brother Mr. J. Z. Crossland and wife.

Miss Hattie Cochran left Thursday for Philadelphia where she will enter training at Hahnemann Hospital.

Dr. J. R. York, of Philadelphia, were entertained over the week-end by Mrs. G. W. Lockwood and family.

Mrs. Frank G. Lang, of International Falls, Minn., was the guest of Dr. H. B. McDowell and family over Sunday

Mrs. Isaac T. Wilson has returned home after a visit with her daughter Mrs. Hattie T. Eliason in Wilmington.

Mr. Elwood Riley and Master Charles Riley, of Philadelphia, were Sunday guests of his aunt Mrs. John M. Buehm.

Mr. Alfred Connellee, of Camp Meade, Md., visited his parents Mr and Mrs. William T. Connellee over Sundad

Mrs. Robert Peplow is visiting in Philadelphia. Sergt. Robert Peplow, of Camp Dix, spent Sunday with his wife there.

Mr. Irving Brockson, of Camp Meade, Md., spent Sunday with his father Mr. Samuel J. Brockson and family.

Mrs. Warren Harrington, of Frederica and Mrs. George Russ and daughter, of Magnolia, spent Saturday with Mrs. W. W. Freeman.

Mr. Harry Dempsey and daughter Miss Pauline, of Wilmington, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Echenhofer.

Miss Florence Pennewill received a postal card this week from her uncle Robert O Pennewill, who is in service announcing his safe arrival in France.

Mrs. Howard A. Pool and Mrs. Edward Ladly attended a State meeting held in Dover of the Woman's Committee of the Liberty Loan, and afterward attended a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Henry Ridgely.

Bethesda Church Notes

Sunday, March 17th, 1918.

Brotherhood, 9.30 A. M.

10.30 A. M. Preaching by the Pastor.

Sunday School at 2 P. M.

7.30 P. M. Evening Worship with sermon.

Prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Hog Cholera Around Middletown

Hog cholera of a virulent type is now prevalent in the Middletown District which will spend rapidly with the advent of warm weather. Under existing circumstances the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry advices vaccination of all hogs and pigs within ten miles of Middletown as the softest and surest method of protection against the ravages of Hog Cholera. The diligent application of sanitary measures and disinfectants will go a long way toward warding off disease of your live stock but when an epidemic of a catching disease occurs in a locality the use of protective vaccination is of prime importance.

Years of experience has taught us the need for early knowledge of any epidemic in order to successfully combat it. Therefore, everyone is urged to report promptly any live stock disease of a catching nature. Watch closely for sick hogs or cattle and report to any of the state agencys or the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in Dover. This Bureau will send a veterinarian to investigate any infection live stock disease.

(Signed)
M. L. ZURKOW,
U. S. Veterinary Inspector,
Dover, Del.

SEND BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

The Government has sent a circular to the Corbit Library, of Odessa, appealing to it to send books and recent magazines to our soldiers in the war camps. Send only good books and in good condition.

These young men are making great sacrifices for our benefit, and depriving themselves of many comforts, and surely we will be glad in this bookish way to show our appreciation. It is requested that these offerings be promptly made. We give the following suggestions of the Government:

Poorly printed, uninteresting, obviously out-of-date books are not worth shipping to the men. Type should be good and clear and the books in fair condition.

Books of good stories will be wanted most, books of adventures, sea stories, detective stories, historical novels and collections of short stories, especially humorous ones. Such authors as Kipling, Doyle, McCutcheon, O'Henry, Stockton, Brindloss, Tarkington, Hopkinson Smith, Oppenheim, etc., have been found popular authors with men. Good poetry and drama can be utilized.

All the men must be helped by these libraries. Some of them have not established reading habits. Some of the books must therefore be light and easily read.

Foreign language study books, especially French grammars and dictionaries, are much needed—possibly more than any other non-fiction books. In one camp nearly one-fifth of the men are studying French. They should have easy readers and stories besides their text books.

Books of travel, biography and history, especially lives of heroes and travels in the countries at war.

Technical books on aviation, wireless telegraphy, submarines, automobiles, signaling, first aid and hygiene, drawing and lettering.

Ethical books on patriotism, courage, good citizenship, with simple non-sectarian devotional books.

These books may be left either at the town public library when open, or at The Transcript office, or may be left at Corbit Library in Odessa. They will be sent to the various camps.

PURE-BRED CATTLE

The Farmers' Trust Co., of Newark, and the New Castle County National Bank, of Odessa, have each agreed to purchase and put out to the farmers of their respective communities at cost, a carload of pure bred Holstein cows. The banks have instructed J. S Moore and P. B. Messick of this town; Palmer Dickey, of Stanton and County Agent R. O. Bausman to select and buy these cows. These men left last week for Livingstone County, Michigan, where they expect to purchase these cows. The banks expect to pay about $250 each for these cows. These cows will not only be pedigreed, but will have official milk and butter fat records. This type of cattle will be suitable for starting a pure bred herd. The cattle will arrive in Newark and in Middletown about the middle of March, and will be placed in one of the town stables for three days for inspection. The arrival of this cattle will be announced and it is hoped that every farmer of the County will drop in and see them. If the farmers are pleased with them there is no doubt but what the banks will consider bringing in other car loads. The banks are financing this project purely from the stand point of developing the dairy business of New Castle County. The cows in these first carloads have been spoken for by some of our county farmers.

$100,000 REALIZED FROM SALES

We publish below a very interesting table showing the averages for horses, cows, harness etc., which have been obtained by the numerous farmers, who have disposed of their personal property this year. Mr D. P. Hutchinson, the auctioneer has sold over $100,000 worth of property during the past few weeks, and gives us the following figures:

Horses averaged	$101.25
Mules per pair	307.75
Reg. Holstein cows	234.55
Reg. Holstein heifers, 2 yr. old	80.50
Reg. Holstein heifer calves	70.00
Reg. Holstein bull calves	70.25
Reg. Holstein bulls, 2 yrs. old	192 66
Reg. Holstein buils, 18 months old	167.00
Reg. Guernsey heifers, 1 yr. old	130.00
Reg. Guernsey bulls, 1 yr. old	100.00
Grade cows	100.70
Grade heifers, 2 yrs. old	55.62
Grade heifers, 1 yr. old	40.23
Grade bulls, 2 yrs. old, averaged	89 07
Grade bulls, 18 mos. old, averaged	72.50
Grade bulls, yearling, averaged	51.00

The averaged price for horses in 1917 was $90.09. For cows $76.85.

By comparing prices of last year and this you will see that stock has kept pace with the war prices, you can also plainly see that it pays to keep registered stock.

Farming implements and hogs never ranged so high in prices as this year.

Mr. Hutchinson says that he has not called one sale but what they have realized from $300 to $1500, more than they expected, and fully two-thirds of the sales have been cash.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

The robin has arrived.

Time to think of garden seed.

House cleaning near at hand.

There will be a total eclipse of the sun on Saturday; June 8.

Mrs. Elwood Banning very pleasantly entertained the members of the U. T. C. Sewing Circle Monday evening.

St. Patick's Day this year falls on Sunday, March 17th; spring opens on the 21st, Good Friday the 29th and the 31st is Easter Sunday.

The third Liberty Loan campaign will be opened on April 6, the anniversary of the declaration of war on Germany by the United States.

Farmers are preparing to put their land in shape for spring operation. Many early vegetables, potatoes and tomatoes will soon be planted.

The Kaiser says that from childhood he has been influenced by the lives of five geeat men. Those great men have certainly got a great deal to answer for.

When Death, the great reconciler has come, it is never our kindnesses to others that we are sorry for. It is the unkind things we have said and done that hurt and sting.

After having been an employee with the Middletown Farms Co. for 15 years Mr. Colonel Crouch of this town has accepted a position of electric engineer, with the Du Pont Chemical Co. at Deep Water Point N. J. and entered upon his new duties last week.

The Senior Class of the George Biddle High School will hold a weight social in the Mechanics Hall, at Cecilton, Md., on Friday evening, March 22d, at 7.30 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents per hundred pounds or fraction. Games and music will afford entertainment. Ice cream, cake and candy for sale. Proceeds for commencement expenses.

Red Cross Work

"You must be economical in everything. Eat less, save all you can and hand over all you save to your Liberty Loans and Red Cross. If you can buy freedom with money, it will be very cheap, no matter how much it may cost. No matter how much money we may have, it will be of little value to us if we fail in this war."

We have a good start on our March drive for surgical dressing but it is a large order and we would like as many people as possible to help us. The Club House is open for work Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 1.30 to 6, Tuesday from 7.30 to 10.

HELEN F. BRADY,
Chairman of Surgical Dressings.

Fogel & Burstan's finest Spring Opening yet! Big selections! Prices very reasonable. Read our Ad.

FOREST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, March 17, 1918.

10.30 A. M. Public worship with sermon.

11.45 A. M. Sunday School sesson. Men are cordially invited to the Pastor's Bible Class.

6 45 P. M. Christian Endeavor service. Topic "The Art of Living With Others," 1 Peter 3: 8-16.

7.30 P. M. Evening service with sermon.

Monday evening, the Rev. J. M. Echard.

Tuesday evening, the Pastor.

Wednesday evening, Rev. Joseph Brown Turner.

Thursday evening, Rev. John Grant Newman D. D. Philadephia.

Friday evening, Rev. F. H. Moore. Preparatory service.

Sunday, March 24th. 10.15 A. M. The session will meet to receive those desiring to unite with courch

10.30 A. M. The Adminstration of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

A copy of the Declaration adopted by the Executive Commission was forwarded by the Secretary of the Officials Conference, Dr. Roberts, to the President of the United States, and the following letter of acknowledgment was sent by the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.
FEBRUARY 21, 1918.

MY DEAR DOCTOR ROBERTS:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday with its inclosure. The Declaration adopted last week by the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, and also by the Representatives of the Missionary and Benevolent Boards and Agencies, is indeed gratifying and is a renewed proof of the stalwart patriotism of the great body which they represent. I am glad to note that they add to their resolution concerning the support of the Government at this time of crisis, a resolution "to maintain all the benevolent, moral and missionary work of the Church both at home and abroad in the most effective manner possible."

Very sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

ABOUT RED CROSS WORK

The Editor of the Post,
Newark, Del.

My dear Sir:

It is currently reported about Town, when the last 41 drafted men left here, Monday March 4th, that each man was presented with a full Red Cross Kit, including his luncheon. But to the great astonishment of our residents these Kits and luncheons came through and were donated to the men by the Red Cross Chapter of Middletown, Delaware. Up to this time, we were of the opinion that we had a Red Cross Chapter in Newark. I think you will agree with me that our neighboring hamlet, Middletown, which makes no aspirations to culture or higher grades of education and all that goes to make our Town the educational centre of the State, certainly has given our Red Cross Chapter a pointer as to how this work should be done. Just why we can't have a Red Cross Chapter as progaessive and wide-awake as there is in our State, can only be considered as the fault of the ladies interested in this work. For the sake of the cause you represent, as well as for the credit of our Town, see to it when the next consignment of drafted men leave Town, that they get all the attention they are entitled to, or we citizens will feel that we should have the Middletown Red Cross Chapter transferred here.

A LOVER OF OLD NEWARK.

The above clipping from the Newark Post is indeed a pleasing compliment to the local Red Cross, and when these ladies publish their annual report there will be more bouquets coming their way.

AUTO FIRE TRUCK BOUGHT

The Fire Company have given Mr. Elias Shallcross an order for that Chevrolet-truck, to cost $1025. This is a $1240 truck, Mr. Shallcross donating his commission, and furthermore is to give it storage room and attention in his garage at a further cost of $175 a year—a commendable piece of public spirit upon his part.

The high speed of this auto-truck—it can be geared up to 45 miles an hour—will not only insure its immediate presence at any town fire, but will give farmers and others for six miles around Middletown the great boon of a prompt and highly effective chemical in case of need. The extreme importance of having a fire-fighter early at the fire is too obvious to need comment. This swift 60 gallon chemical fire apparatus will soon pay for itself many times over.

The criticism that this is too large a duty for our town to assume, is narrow and unwise. What finer advertisement can the town have, and what warmer hold on the gratitude of our outlying neighbors than this enterprising move which places Middletown in the van with other wide-awake towns about us. ?

Even did not these outsiders contribute towards the cost of it—which they will—it is a first rate business act, one that assures our neighbors that our town is awake, progressive, liberal.

OBITUARY

MRS. COLEN FERGUSON

Mrs. Cordelia Lord Ferguson, aged 79, widow of Colen Ferguson a prominent farmer and politician of Blackbird, former Lieut. Governor of the state, died at 7.30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Vernon Lay Phillips on Mt. Vernon Street Smyrna. Shortly after the death of her husband, Aug. 6 1917, Mrs. Ferguson moved to Smyrna and has been making her home with her daughter. She is survived by four children as follows: Miss Ella Ferguson and Theodore Ferguson of Blackbird; Bassett Ferguson, Ridley Park, Pa., and Mrs. Vernon Lay Phillips of Smyrna. Funeral services took place at the residence of V. Lay Phillips at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in charge of Rev. G. C. Williams and interment was made in the family lot at Old Drawyers Cemetery near Odessa.

A Shakespearean Recitation

Last Tuesday afternoon the Scribe gave a recitation from the Merchant of Venice in the Academy Assembly room before the High School students. The recitation illustrated three phases in the character of Shylock: 1st. The Bargaining, Act I Scene 3; 2d, Shylock's Hates and Rages, Act III, Scene 1; 3d, The Trial Scene, Act IV Scene I. The Scribe regrets that appearing, before such appreciative young Shakespearean students, he could not have been in condition to give them a better impersonation; but an injured hand had cost him two nights loss of sleep, and he was too "ragged" to do his theme full justice. To tell the truth, before he was done, he felt like saying with the broken Shylock, "I pray you let me go hence, I am not well."

Miss Ida Howell, the principal, and Miss Ratledge, honored the reading with their presence.

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OUR CORN GROWERS

Delaware College Requests Farmers to Send Samples

TO THE EXPERIMENT STATION

Some days ago farmers of the State were invited to send in samples of seed corn to the Expermint Station to be tested for germination. To date 35 samples have been received. These have come from almost every section of the State, representing a wide range of conditions.

The results of the tests show an average of 78½ per cent germination, or, in other words, only 78 kernals out of 100 examined germined. This means that about one-fifth of the corn held by farmers is not in a fit condition for planting. The samples range from 100 per cent strong germination to as low as 29 per cent. Out of 35 samples 11 did not test over 70 per cent; thirteen tested over 90 per cent. This indicates that much of the corn now held for seed on the farm will not grow if planted. In fact the conditions under which a germination test is made is generally more favorable than in the open field. Some kernals will grow in a germinating box which would fail to come up when planted under field condition.

Farmers are urged to examine their seed corn as soon as possible in order to determine just what condition the seed is in. This is necessary for two reasors. First: It may be necessary for the farmer to purchase new seed and he should know early enough so as to be able to secure a supply before planting. Second: If the farmer has a surplus of seed corn of high quality he should make known the fact, so that others less fortunate may be able to secure the proper quantity for their needs.

Letters are being received by this office from states as far away as New York and Ohio asking for supplies of seed corn. The situation in the Western states is critical indeed.

Home grown seed is more likely to do well than seed corn brought from a distance. There is undoubtedly sufficient corn within the borders of the States to supply the need providing it can be located and tested. This Department stands ready to test samples for any farmer and report to him the results of such a test, and to aid him in locating seed corn if he requires it.

A. E. GRANTHAM, Agronomist.
Department of Agronomy,
Delaware Experiment Station.
Newark, Delaware.

Celebrated Ninth Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls entertained a number of children at their home on North Broad street last Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock, in honor of their daughter Alice's ninth birthday. A royal good time was spent by all the "kiddies" and just before leaving, they were served with refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and mints.

Those present were: Catherine Carpenter, Bertha Chance, Helen Crouch, Helen Stevens, Virginia Johnson, Betty Johnson, Mabel Fouracre, Alice Jolls, Catherine Beasten, Virginia Brady, Virginia Hopkins, Catherine Hopkins, Fannie Bradley, Arrie Bradley, Katherine Conley, Blanche Messick, Lura Reed, Margaret Denny, Cassie Denny, Helen Bryan; Frances Le Fevre and Catherine Armstrong, of Wilmington; Gladys Carey, Alice Carey, John Carey, of Mt. Pleasant; William Fitzgerald, Paul Crouch, Joseph Beasten, Henry Vaughan, Henry Chamberlaine, Julian King, Lewis Stewart.

Her 97th Birthday

Mrs. Margaretta Jones, of this town on Sunday celebrated the ninety-seventh anniverssry of birth. She is the oldest person in this part of the country, and up until a little more than a year ago enjoyed the very best of health, she suffered a fall about that time, and has not been able to walk since without assistance. She is the widow of William Jones, who died a few years ago at the age of 94 years.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. George M. Hart is visiting Mrs. George Atwell in Still Pond.

Mrs. W. H. Reynolds entertained the Ladies Aid Society Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mary Ellis Records, of Wilmington, was entertained Tuesday by Mrs. L. L. Maloney.

Mrs. Jennie Wilson is visiting her son-in-law Edgar Spackman and family in Philadelphia.

Mr. Hart Scott returned to Hampton, Va., Monday after a weeks furlough at the home of his parents William A. Scott and wife.

Miss Murriel Beauchamp and Rodney Price, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. W. Harman Reynolds and family.

David P. Hutchison and daughter Margaret spent from Friday to Sunday with his niece Mrs. Mortimer Gibson and family near Centreville.

There is but little change in the condition of Miss Ethelwyn Maloney who the past two weeks has been ill with typhoid fever. Dr. J. D. Niles and Mrs. Daley a trained nurse from Philadelphia are in attendance.

WORTHILY RANKS AMONG SAINTS

Patrick's Useful Life and Good Works Entitle Him to Position of Eminence.

PLACE OF BIRTH NO MATTER

Certain He Was a True Irishman and Accomplished Much for the Welfare of the Race During His Sojurn on the Island.

ONE of the reasons why St. Patrick is such a favorite the world over is that he was so very human. He hadn't much of a chance when a boy, but he made the best of what he had. If he had not he would have been a hogherd all the days of his life. He was a slave, in very truth, being bound to a pagan hog raiser in Britain.

But you can't keep a good man down, and that's a fact.

If all the legends be true, which can hardly be possible, Patrick was a favorite among the ladies, even making an impression on the good St. Bridget. Maybe this was before they became saints—of course it was, for how could they be saints and be alive at the same time?

However, there is quite a lot of writings, whether genuine or not, that go to show that he was a real human lover, and that dear Bridget was exceedingly fond of him, and would have married him could he have procured the consent of the church.

His Life and Works.

From all that can be learned concerning the life and works of St. Patrick, he was a good man, and spent his life going about doing good for his fellows.

As you know, a good man is more highly respected, more beloved and exerts a greater influence for good in the community in which he is known than even the wealthiest, the most powerful or most favored. He may not wear purple and fine linen, nor fare sumptuously, but he is making the world better and is, therefore, truly, and in the highest sense, a son of God.

There are numerous stories and legends concerning St. Patrick, some of which may be true. But it matters little whether he was a Milesian born in Spain, or a son of a poor swineherd of the green isle.

The history of the world shows that the mere circumstances of birth cuts very small figure in the matter of real greatness. From earliest times the men who have figured most prominently in world movements for the betterment of mankind have been of humble origin.

In order to rise from the lowly birth station of Lincoln or of Moses, a man must have the true spirit of manliness in him. If he survive the severe trying-out process his will be a masterful, leading, helpful spirit which the spirits of all must acknowledge, respect and submit to.

In His Day.

We of the present day can hardly conceive of the conditions existing in the British islands in his day.

The native Celts were heathen and brutish, and had no higher ambition than to exist, unless it was to rob neighboring tribes of their cattle, hogs and fair women. Physically they were strong, vigorous and emotional, and possessed of good nature, wit and social feeling in a marked degree as compared with the inhabitants of other islands.

Noting this, St. Patrick must have concluded there was something here to work on, something good; and seeing this he took it as his command to assist in the development of the social disposition and good feelings of these people.

He therefore became one of them, lived with them, won their confidence and commanded their respect. In order that he might be an efficient leader he occasionally went abroad and studied under the fathers of the church, for religion is most powerful to control the feelings and change the aspirations of men.

No matter what he may have been born, he was a true Irishman.

A Real Man.

There are those who regard St. Patrick as a fakir more or less, because of the miracles he is said to have wrought.

As far as known St. Patrick did not claim to have miraculous power, nor to have driven the reptiles out of Ireland.

It has always been the rule among ignorant and superstitious people to credit their religious teachers and great leaders with having done some marvelous or miraculous thing. Without something of the sort other ignorant and superstitious people would not heed them.

There may never have been any reptiles on this particular island, it having been one of the last to rise up out of the salty sea.

It is not the fact that a man is able to do wonderful things, or to work miracles, that makes him great really, but his ability to see and to comprehend the great truths concerning life, and to earnestly desire to spread these among the people. This it is that commands the attention of the livelier spirits, and wins the respect and confidence of those who desire better things in this life.

Such was St. Patrick.

A Splendid Type.

It is not the mere human creature that accomplishes great things, but the man within the machine. It was not the figure seen by the people that commanded their admiration, for he was not an Apollo, nor was it the familiar form bearing a shepherd's crook that brought these rough, untutored men to their knees and inspired them with worshipful feelings; nor was it the venerable father that aroused the spark of crude love in their hearts and ripened it until it became a controlling influence of their lives.

It was the man within the plainly clad form, the spirit that lighted the kindly eye, the love that prompted the tongue to utter appeals, to give timely warnings and to promise contentment, prosperity and happiness to all who would live right one toward another, thus pleasing God and making for peace and good will on earth.

Great he was indeed, else he could not have done so great good toward all men.

Lace Season Is Quite Probable

New York.—Paris and Palm Beach command the attention of those whose fortunes are tied up in women's apparel. Paris is more important in a large sense; Palm Beach in a smaller sense. It depends on the viewpoint.

Paris is exhibiting to the American buyers the things that we will wear; Palm Beach is exhibiting to society and the fashion reporters those things that were devised for us to wear as long ago as the first of December.

Nearly all of the fashions that are worn at Palm Beach have been sketched and detailed, because they were turned out by American dressmakers through local inspiration or through adaptation of early French models before or just after the Christmas season.

Therefore, a fashion writer states, it is more important to dip into the future and recount what Paris has shown to the American buyers. What is now worn in Palm Beach we will undoubtedly wear through the spring, but so far, in a big season of that resort, there is nothing of extraordinary originality, and whatever is done has been foretold and outlined.

It has been the toss up with the pleasure seekers as to whether it was best to fight out the situation in the North or go to the evil they knew not of in the South, and the result has divided the great mass of moneyed people into two camps.

The same trouble that confronted the pleasure seekers in going to Palm Beach were added thereunto 100 per cent for those who went to Paris to represent our business firms and bring back the allotment of 2,000 gowns, which we consider a good showing in this country.

Last fall this allotment fell short by 500 gowns, and it is not easy to say whether the buyer will do better or worse this season. Cargo space is exceptionally valuable going over, but there still seems to be much room coming back, and the buyers have learned to bring great quantities of clothes into the port as personal baggage, which helps matters.

Callot will not allow this, and, therefore, the clothes from that house do not arrive until after most of the seasonal fashions are settled in this country.

So, what Palm Beach is doing, we know. The gown there shows the slender silhouette, a prevalence of black and white worn separately or together, the second introduction of gingham and the experiment with the calico of the Southern mills.

There is no return to lingerie gowns, as was faintly promised, but there is an overwhelming vote cast for jersey in its artificial silk weave as well as the thin woolen weave that looks like men's underwear.

Cornflower blue, deep pink, plaids, checks and touches of crimson are worn. None of these facts is new to those who have watched the progress of fashions since Christmas.

The Fashions in France.

In Paris, the buyers have not found any astounding inspirations, but they have been faced with enough that is new to realize that they can make a persuasive appeal to women in the spring. They also know that the silhouette has been definitely changed.

Skirts are exceedingly narrow at the hem and tucked under, to resemble zouave trousers; panels of tulle and of a new metallic Egyptian stuff are used back and front to form this trousered effect on a narrow skirt.

Girdles are wrapped around the hips and waist, in Oriental form. The hips are not fitted to the figure, unless by one of these Oriental girdles.

While all the skirts are slender, they give no evidence of being stingily cut, that is, they do not outline the figure by the sheer result of scissors and seams. They show the figure and attain attenuation by means of drapery that is as difficult as it is successful.

It is not an easy skirt for the amateur, for the bungler or for the tailor who is used to the hot iron, the straight seam and the large needle.

Jersey cloth is lavishly shown by every house in Paris. It has large designs on it and sometimes it is beaded in circles and crescents.

The metal tissue with which we have become so familiar, has been replaced

France also shows this gown made of silvered tulle and lace dropped over a short gray satin petticoat and topped by a gray satin blouse, with short, tight sleeves.

by a kind of Egyptian stuff that is very effective. The shimmer of it is obtained by some process similar to the one used on the ribbons of six years ago.

The Thread Lace Dinner Gown.

The half decollete evening gown continues as the dominant fashion. We have not yet accepted it whole heartedly in America, but a larger degree of enthusiasm may be shown for it when the informal social life of spring and summer begins.

Black tulle, thread lace and lace flounces are constantly shown to the American buyers in the new evening gowns. The black tulle is embroidered with roses and large, conspicuous designs formed of silk thread and beads.

Thread lace is revived in such a fashion that one believes it was taken from the shelves of other years and from the trunks of other decades. Palm Beach has already started to wear Chantilly lace, and it is more than probable that America will go in for a lace season.

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FRILLS AND FANCIES.

Batiste threatens to supplant cotton voile for blouses.

There is quite a bit of talk about an all-white season; the coming season is meant.

In the way of trimming embroidery is in the front rank for decorating spring attire.

Novelty shetland sweaters are trimmed by narrow bands of white knitted silk.

The fur coat with muff cuffs and wide pockets has sent the muff to a state of retirement. Those that are carried are almost too small to mention.

There is a lavish use of the fine net, either plain mesh or point d'esprit on georgette blouses. The net is plaited into narrow ruffles or shirred into tiny puffed bands.

If you want to be proud of yourself wear peacock blue; it is one of the best colors of the demisaison. If you would be saintly select madonna blue, which is just as fashionable.

The bustle hat, which did not take very well, has a descendant. It is builded after the plans of the Sammy helmet, with a bandeau at the back which produces a poke-bonnet effect.

Among other smart trimmings for the spring blouse are organdie and batiste.

A splendid taupe coat of evora cloth has large collar, cuffs and front panel reaching to hip line only of squirrel. This panel serves for a muff, the hands being inserted in ulster fashion.

Hemp chenille is imported from Japan. It is utilized to form the new little visored turbans that are going strong and which will continue good because of their comfortable lines.

Nutria and squirrel are the furs of the season. Muskrat started out too strong, and that is why its vogue has been brief. Taupe muskrat is of beautiful color, but its weight is against it.

Feather Hats.

Solid ostrich feather hats are very good for afternoon. These are made very small, fitting the head closely. They are very high, allowing the feathers to fall in a large tassel effect at the top. All colors are combined on the hat.

Corduroy Robes.

A good warm bathrobe is a first necessity if one lives in a country or a suburban house, where the furnace does not always give adequate service early in the day.

And, pretty as flowing elbow sleeves and wide, turned-down collars are in theory a garment that protects the arms clear to the wrists and that snuggles up closely about the throat is desirable for those chilly mornings.

A very good corduroy robe is called the trench robe. It has straight lines and is double-breasted with a round, turn-down collar that comes well up about the throat, and long coat sleeves with turned-back cuffs. Slanting pockets are set at the hip, and there is a straight buckled belt at the waist.

Modish Veils.

While the scroll veil is popular, it has a rival in the dotted veil. The latter may show the dots in heavy chenille spots, velvet pastelles or in embroideries of silk. Its chief allurement lies in its novelty. Nearly all the new veils have geometrical or irregular meshes, many of them so elaborated with outline or tracery embroideries as to resemble lace. Dark brown, taupe and gray are favored colors, sometimes overwrought with white or black embroideries. The veil shapes are almost as varied as the colors and patterns. Some are square, others circular and there are those that are oblong. Indeed, a good deal of pains has been taken to shape the veil so that it will have an artistic relation to the hat with which it will be ultimately worn.

White Suit Dresses Shown.

A suit dress appears in white serge with panelled jacket and box plaited skirt and a collar of brushed wool in a bright and becoming rose. A sleeveless jacket of the same brushed wool cross-stitched in white gives a sports character to shirtwaist frock of white crepe de chine.

Interlining of Quilting.

To wear a silk coat does not mean that one must go cold, for, following the lead of the French designers, between-season satin coats are made with an interlining of quilting. Albeit this is of cotton batting, it is warm.

EMBLEM OF HIGHEST HONOR

Shamrock, by Virtue of Its Significance, May Appropriately Claim First Place.

By JOSEPH W. GAVAN.

There is one day in the year which still fills the soul of every Irishman, whether in Ireland or America, with patriotic emotions and with a fervor of high and ardent hopes. This is Saint Patrick's day. Though the practice is dying out and the post office does not bring so many shamrocks as formerly from Ireland to the shores of America, still the instances are not few where men and boys wear shamrocks in their hats, and pretty colleens carry crosses upon their shoulders.

Ireland is the only nation that has the high honor of hoiding aloft a national emblem which is at the same time a sacred emblem, the dear little shamrock. Other nations have upon their banners the figures of lilies and roses, of bears and of eagles which, however, eloquently the patriot's zeal may praise them, certainly possess no sacred character. Not so with Ireland. Her national emblem was selected by Saint Patrick, chosen for a sacred purpose, and was consecrated from its birth as a living type of the grandest mystery of the Christian faith, the Trinity.

PLANT LONG HELD SACRED

Clover, of Which the Shamrock Is a Species, Was Much Thought Of by the Ancient Greeks.

It is difficult to say what was the original shamrock, trefoil or Hero Trinity. The leaf now recognized as the national emblem is that of the white clover, but the name shamrock is generic and is applied also to the purple clover, the speedwell, the pimpernel and to the wood sorrel.

The clover of two or four leaves was held sacred in the festivals of the Greeks. The one of four leaves, when carried about, is supposed to insure success at play and confer the power of detecting evil spirits. The lover may put it under his pillow and he will dream of his beloved, or the maiden may slip it into her sweetheart's shoe without his knowledge and it will insure his safe return from any journey. It may be employed to prevent the wearer's being drawn into military service, is said to be a cure for lunacy, and is still, among the Irish, regarded as magical, even sacred. Snakes dislike it exceedingly and will not remain where it is growing.

Some say the four-leaf shamrock is the shamrock of luck, and others that it is the five-leaved one that holds the magic touch. This latter is rare and prized and is said to grow from a decaying body, as the nettle is said to spring from buried human remains. The shamrock of luck must be found "without searching, without seeking." When thus discovered it should be cherished as an invincible talisman.

ST. PATRICK PAID HIS WAY

In His "Confessions" He Tells of His Custom—Never Asked for Contributions.

Always chary of "sending round the plate," Patrick paid his own way through the Green Isle, as he emphatically relates in his "Confessions."

"But when it happens that I baptized so many thousand men did I accept ever a screpall (a Celtic coin of the value of about six cents) from them?" he wrote. "Tell me, and I will return it to you. Or when the Lord ordained clergy through my humility and ministry, did I confer the grace gratuitously? If I asked any of them even the value of my shoe, tell me, and I will repay you more. I rather spent for you as far as I was able, and among you and everywhere for you I endured many perils in distant places, where none had been farther or had ever come to baptize or ordain the clergy or confirm the people."

Appropriately Termed "Brilliant."

As a soldier the Irishman is better in charge than defense, and if held back he frets himself to exhaustion. The lodge meeting of a Hibernian benevolent association is a revelation of kindness and delicacy of feeling. The word "brilliant" is oftener used for the Irish than for any other aliens among us save the Hebrews.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 17

JESUS SENDING FORTH THE TWELVE.

(May be used with missionary application.)

LESSON TEXT—Mark 6:1-31.

GOLDEN TEXT—Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Romans 10:13-15; Isa. 40:3-9; Matt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4; 16:9-10.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus feeding the hungry.

MEMORY VERSE—Give ye them to eat. Mark 6:37.

JUNIOR MEMORY VERSE—Isa. 52:7.

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Messengers of Christ.

JUNIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—The power of the Gospel of Christ.

The time of this lesson was autumn, A. D. 28; the location Galilee.

I. Marvelous Unbelief. (vv. 1:1-6a). Jesus is rejected the second time at Nazareth. He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom, and the people were astonished at his doctrine. His application of the scripture was similar to that of his first rejection. The significance of this visit is found in verses 5 and 6—the limitation of the mighty Christ through unbelief by those who knew him best.

II. The Mission of the Twelve. (vv. 6a-16). From the parallel account we find why Jesus sent forth these disciples (Matt. 9:36)—because the people were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. In the tenth chapter of Matthew we find the names of those whom he sent out (vv. 2-5)), the fifth verse of which designates that only Jews were included in this mission. We need to remember that these disciples were sent out before his crucifixion. Their pilgrim character is shown in Mark 6:9, and the solemn manner of their dealing with those who reject them is indicated in verse eleven. They were being sent forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. They were to be delivered up to the council and haled before the rulers of the synagogues, but with them was to go an enabling power (Matt. 10:20). Meeting persecution was to be a part of their program. They anticipate the persecution with which Christ is identified, for he exhorts them (Matt. 10:28-31), to be of courage and to fear not, for are they not "of more value than the sparrows?" Their going forth was to bring divisions (Matt. 10:34), but also a reward to those who received them aright—a righteous man's reward. (Matt. 10:40-42.) Notice their obedience (Mark 6:12-13), and their achievements as the visible evidence of the power they had received.

III. Malignant Hate. (vv. 14-29). Mark gives us the most complete account of the death of John the Baptist. It is not a lesson that we need to emphasize to the scholars of the younger grades, but it has a deep significance to those of the more advanced departments of the Sunday school; and if we are going to get the scope of the whole Epistle of Mark, it must be considered. Herod thought he had triumphed, but he was defeated. Thus it is with the sinner always—he overshoots the mark. Germany's hatred of England stands in the way of its complete domination of Europe, and it was Germany's pride which caused it to make those military blunders which prevented it from capturing Paris. So it is with Satan and the sinner; just when the victory seems to be complete God intervenes. "They that be for us are more than they that are against us." The counteracting power of God offsets the devil's hatred so that we are made "more than conquerors through him that loved us."

It was because Jesus sent forth these disciples that they were called apostles, literally "sent ones." They had been called unto him (Mark 6:7), then sent forth, not singly, but by twos, so today the lonely servant has with him the Holy Spirit. Our message is "peace," but we must have peace ourselves if we are to impart it to others.

If punishment is to be measured by the amount of light one sins against, the heaviest punishment must rest upon those in America and England who know the gospel but reject it.

It is evident that the disciples received great power (vv. 12, 13) as suggested by their return (v. 30). They acted wisely in telling Jesus "all things," both what they had done and taught. Although sent forth, they were not to spend time in visiting and entertaining, nor in seeking the hospitality of the rich. They were to be wholly dependent upon God, taking nothing with them in their journeyings, but staff and sandals, betokening their pilgrim character. The gospel of Mark gives us the picture of the ideal servant.

What Follows Sorrow.

The most puzzling question which comes to Christian people at a time of great sorrow is, Why? There is little use in telling us that we ought not to ask it. It is true we may not be able to find a full answer; yet there is more answer than we find, for most of us look for it in the wrong place. We look back to find what precedes our experience to learn the reason which God had in letting us have it. The best reason for God's greatest deeds, so far as we know them, lie after the deeds themselves. Most of us will find the best answer to our question by looking forward. It is not so much what has preceded the sorrow as what shall follow it; not what the sorrow follows, but what shall follow the sorrow.

In the Name of the Lord.

With the multitude, we acclaim our king. We sing: "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." But in the solitude of our retreat we ask him to cleanse the temple of our heart, to cast out all that offends his holy eyes, that we may be ready to receive him when the Lord whom we seek shall suddenly come to his temple.

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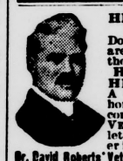

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THE "DEFENCE BILL" TIMELY

PURSUANT to a suggestion of Governor Townsend, a "Defence Bill" has been introduced in the Legislature with the dual object, first "to provide effective means of defence and preserve order within the state," and second, "to insure maximum amount of agricultural and industrial output and the maintenance of vital enterprises during the period of the war in which the United States is now engaged."

All over this land there are hundreds of pro-German traitors through regularly organized societies and by individual effort, plotting the destruction of the Government, destroying millions of dollars worth of public and private property and murdering hundreds of our citizens.

This shameful spectacle of these German traitors, many of them born in this free land, and the rest refugees grom German tyranny at home, with basest ingratitute plottiug against the land that nurtured and welcomed them, should awaken every patriotic American to the urgent need of a vigorous and concerted campaign against these dangerous home-bred allies of Germany.

We have pro-German traitors in Congress; traitors in every city, town and village; and a numerous, rich and powerful society, "The German Alliance," using its money and political influence to injure our country and aid Germany in winning the war—which would mean that we would have the devilish Huns to fight right here at home.

Therefore, in this feature, the measure is a timely one and should the soonest possible be put into operation. It is no less timely in its purpose to effect the most efficient possible organization of labor and transportation and production in our state with a view to aiding the national Government in its fight to help throttle this world-devouring German Wild Beast.

While our heroic Youth are slaving and dying in the trenches; our patriotic Women toiling in their homes and doing extra war tasks too, thousands of male slackers, able-bodied men all the way from 18 to 60 are idling away their time in alehouses and pool-rooms, and on golf-links etc., talking horse or dogs, or criticising the Government, and spending their money for pool or drink. These genteel idlers, white and black, should be put to work, as well as the professional bums.

The Transcript, therefore, heartiiy applauds this Defence Bill in every feature of it, and prays it may forthwith be carried into effect.

Monday afternoon last Governor Townsend, after the reading of his message, made a stirring appeal to the members to rally to the support to their country in its hour of need, and keep good the superb record which Delaware has made in every crisis of our Nation.

The Governor recounted the fine work already done by private individuals both men and women;

"More volunteer work, I believe, has been done in Delaware than in any section of the country. Voluntary subscriptions, of which I am not permitted to speak have been used."

and then added

"The one issue before this country today, before this State, the one dominating issue facing you and me, is to do our utmost toward winning this war. At an expense, yes. At a sacrifice, yes, If need be, with our all."

It was in truth a magnificent address, equally in its meaty thought and in its felicitous expression.

It is a safe rule that a rumor detrimental to the government or its allies isn't so.

The new conservation slogan for housewives: "Don't stuff your husband, husband your stuff."

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

It is realized more and more by thinking men that facilities for distribution are essential to public welfare, and that among facilities for distribution good roads occupy an important place. It is a scandal that when the farmers' toil has been rewarded with bountiful crops consumption may be retarded by inability of farmers to make deliveries "unless the Almighty freezes the roads in the North and withholds the rains in the South." The appreciation of this fact is going to be manifested in a practical way in the near future. All over the country, and notably in the middle West, wide-awake citizens of late have been lending their influence to the good roads movement. Recent legislation, state and federal, provides machinery by which the good roads movement may be made effective. Wisconsin will perform her part in the improvement of the country, says Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. Before long there will be trunk line highways, crossing one another at intervals and stretching across the state from east to west and from south to north. The construction of these highways will cost money, but the investment will bring large returns.

Broadly speaking, America must be content to allow its allies to dictate the military and naval policy of the coalition. It should be willing to place at their disposal its available economic and military forces, says New Republic. They have the experience, and the war is being fought on European territory and in European waters. But in deciding matters of political policy it has a point of view of its own to assert, and the assertion of its interests will strengthen the political position of the whole coalition. Alone among the members thereof it is peculiarly pre-occupied with that part of the program which is of common concern, and it can assume, consequently, in reference to the special objects of the powers the attitude of mediator and reconciler—and if necessary of opponent. It can help to organize political unity and convert it into an offensive weapon.

This war has given us a new national view of what is real value. We have come to subscribe to the principle that only that is sacred which serves. A human life is valuable only as it contributes something to the good of all. The individual value of life is practically nil. It is co-operative effort which counts and no life is wasted which seeks to do its part along with others for the common weal. It is this conception of the value of human life to attain democratic ideals that has inspired our fighting sons to "carry on" the struggle against tyranny until it is dethroned, says Philadelphia North American. It is this new national view that will be indorsed by those who pay the supreme sacrifice and a better, truer civilization.

The wonder grows where all the fur comes from and if any fur-bearing animals are still alive so popular is fur this season. Hudson seal coats are very much to be met with in the street, either plain or trimmed with their own material or a contrasting fur. Forty, 48, and 50 inches are the lengths, and their style is very much the same as was worn last winter. Fur capes are the newer thing this season, but a great many animal throws and stoles are used. Fox in natural and dyed color is the leader in furs, though nearly every kind of pelt is in demand.

And then there is a whole lot of pretty good sort of "no man's land" in the United States that about a million of trifling rascals and loafers of the cities ought to be made to cultivate and make something for the army to eat. In time of war and food shortage, we need a rule of "no workee, no fightee, no eatee."

The college world may well think over the suggestion of President Hopkins of Dartmouth that a degree of bachelor of military science would be far more fitting for the students who have gone to the front than the misleading "bachelor of arts."

A Baltimore judge—Maryland has a law to compel everybody to do useful labor—has ruled that bootblacks and gypsies are idlers. A man should shine his own shoes, says the court. But take the case, your honor, of the fat man; he can't.

A letter of recommendation from a Sunday school teacher does not amount to much. What the prospective employer wants is a letter of that character from one who knows you the other six days of the week.

The cry is going up against the expensive banquet as something that is not fitting in war times, whereas many have contended that all banquets should have been abolished long ago.

A college professor with German sympathies who has not succeeded in learning to keep his mouth shut is not likely to be able to teach much to anyone else.

Perhaps the feelings of the flag ought to be taken into consideration by those who are forcing pro-Germans to kiss it.

China does not like the agreement between the United States and Japan whereby the United States recognizes certain interests of Japan in China. It may be that the situation will be improved upon China's fuller understanding of what has been agreed.

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Extract from the Laws of Delaware, Governing the Collection of Taxes of New Castle County, Section 3, Chapter 30, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, as Amended:

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STATE AND PENINSULA

The Maryland Bankers' Association will hold their annual convention at Atlantic City on May 28, 29 and 30.

At a British recruiting rally in Wilmington a collection netted $123 for the Wilmington branch of the Red Cross.

More than 600 suits for the collection of county taxes have been started against deliquents in Sussex county.

A national bank is being organized at Perryville with a capital of $25,000 will be ready to start business by April 1.

"Somewhere in France" a play written and produced by members of Harrington Grange netted the grange $50.

The County Commissioners of Sussex County have ordered the road machinery put in order for use late in March.

The Odd Fellows of Aberdeen, have had plans drawn for a new hall to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Henry Ridgeley has been appoitned Chairman of the Delaware Committee of the Women's Liberty Loan.

On account of the inability of the Bell Telephones, an order has been issued to their employees to install only wall phones.

Arthur Shure has been appointed resident engineer of State roads in Kent county. to succeed Engineer Browning, resigned.

Fifteen enemy submarines were destroyed in the Mediterranean during the February, the Austrian U-boat being entirely wiped out.

The Democratic campaign in Delaware will open April 10, with a dinner at the headquarters of the democratic League, in Wilmington.

Vandals have badly damaged a number of pleasure boats laid up at Bowers for the winter, many of the engines having been completely ruined.

A tractor demonstration, in charge of of the Kent County Farm Bureau and the Extension Department of Delaware College, will be held near Dover, in April.

Directors of the State Fair Association are still holding open the question of continuing the fair, $100,000 being necessary, and this sum has not been subscribed.

Land on which to build 1,000 houses has been secured by the U. S. Government from the Perryville Building Association for the employees of the new powder plant.

Sunday school workers of Delaware have inaugurated a campaign to raise $5000 with which to supplement the work of the public schools through the Sunday school.

Wilmington City Council has directed City Solicitor Bayard to proceed without delay to the collection of all the unpaid city taxes for the years 1908 to 1916, amounting to $95,000.

Rev. Charles A. Eaton, of New York, delivered a patriotic address to several thousand shipbuilders at the plants of the Pusey & Jones Co., and the Bethlehem Steel Co., in Wilmington.

The serious shortage of teachers for rural public schools in all three counties of the State has brought the school authorities face to face with the necessfor relieving this condition.

Attacked by a highwayman on the street in Wilmington, Michael Boelac, 25 years old, was found suffering from many lacerations and bruises and had to be sent to the Homeopathic Hospital.

That 3,456,000 tons of coal were saved in the United States during the eight "fuelless" days under the recent order of fuel Administrator Garfield, but at a cost to industry of $289,35 for every ton saved, was the estimate made by Black Diomond, a coal publication.

State Commissioner of Education A. R. Spaid and Kent County Superintendent of Schools Robert Shilling, spent the entire week at Atlantic City at ending the sessions of the National Education Association with headquarters at Hotel Traymore and Young's Million Dollar Pier.

John Titus, State revenue collector, discovered in Smyrna that 14 mechants of that place when obtaining mercantile licenses made false affidavits concerning their business, aggregating $142,900, but prosecution was discontinued after they corrected their affidavits and paid 25 per cent. additional.

The committee of administration of the Maryland Bankers' Association has decided to hold its twenty- third annual convention at Atlantic City, May 28 29 and 30. The session promises to be one of more than usual intetest, because of the many questions of local and national importance that will be taken up.

Farmers of the State assembled at Dover, Friday, to discuss what seeds are to be planted and to what extent certain crops shall be raised. Another important question was that of obtaining farm labor. But the most important question to most of the farmers was that of price fixing on crops.

The Delaware College Experimental Farm has sold the Guernsey bull, Anton's May King, to a Pennsylvania breeder, for $7,000, and has also sold a half-sister of this bull, Holy Rose O'D., four years old, to the purchaser for $1,750. The sire of both of these animals was sold by the college farm two years ago to a Minnesota breeder for $1,000.

The Extension Department of Delaware College will co-operate with local communities throughout the State in conducting boys' and girls' club contest for raising pigs, corn, calves, garden produce, poultry and other food. Regular club meetings will be held by local leaders for social and instrumental purposes. Boys' and girls' between the ages of 10 and 18 years will contest on a county basis.

PLATINUM "FAKE" IN OREGON

Geological Survey Explodes Report of Find of Precious Metals in a Western District.

The present shortage of platinum and the consequent greatly increased price of the metal bid fair to result in a considerable increase in the domestic production of platinum during the coming year, according to the United States geological survey. At the same time, while legitimate miners are increasing their production and to some extent relieving the country's shortage, other persons are using the interest aroused by the present nation-wide search for the metal to make extravagant claims for utterly worthless deposits, and some honest prospectors are led by false assays, made by inefficient or venal assayers, to believe mistakenly that they have valuable platinum deposits. Reports of platinum in some mythical combination—"volatile platinum" or "colloidal platinum"—should be regarded as sufficient evidence of the incompetence or dishonesty of the assayer.

During the season of 1917 the geologists of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, spent much time in visiting platinum deposits that proved to be worthless. A notable example is seen in the supposed platiniferous sands of the Deschutes river, near Terrebone, Ore.

The material collected there consists of loosely cemented dark volcanic sand and conglomerate interbedded with basalt and volcanic tuff. The black basaltic sand is supposed to have the richest content of gold and platinum, but neither in panning the material in the field nor in the chemical tests made by the geological survey could any trace of platinum or other metals of the platinum group be found. Neither was any gold found in the concentrates, and it is concluded that material of this type is very unlikely to contain workable amounts of gold.

MONEY LOANED FOR THE WAR

Dollars Invested in Bonds Expended for Food, Clothing, Ammunition and Other Necessaries.

What becomes of the dollar which is invested in government bonds? Here is the course it takes as visualized by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in his annual report to congress:

First, it goes to the government as a loan for the war.

Second, it is expended by the government for food, clothing and ammunition, which go directly to a gallant soldier or sailor whose fighting strength is kept up by the food, whose body is kept warm by the clothing, and whose enemy is hit by the ammunition.

It has not been expended in the purchase of needless food and clothing for the man at home, and is, therefore, released for the use of the soldier, it is saved wealth to the man at home and can be loaned to his government at interest with resulting benefit to himself and to his government.

Utilized Artificial Flood.

By means of an artificial rise, started on October 18, 1917, at Dam No. 7, Ohio river, and augmented by water from the Muskingum, Kanawha and Big Sandy rivers, more than 80,000 tons of coal from the Kanawha river were delivered to Cincinnati and other river cities, says a bulletin of the department of commerce. Every available towboat and barge was used in this movement, even the small harbor boat of one of the coal companies being utilized to bring down four coal boats, and a snowboat pusher was chartered to bring down ten barges. Fourteen tows of more than 200 craft were in the movement. Last August, during a period of extremely low water, a fleet of barges, which carried 13,000 tons of coal, was successfully moved by means of artificial floods. About a year ago two similar experiments were carried out successfully at a time when there was a shortage of coal in Cincinnati.

Unmanned Boats Foiled.

The Germans recently attempted an attack on British warships by means of small boats loaded with high explosives, unmanned and controlled by wireless. The idea was originally an American one, and was developed in the Hammond wireless controlled torpedo. But the drawback in all these radio-controlled devices is that the enemy can send out "interfering" waves and throw the boat off its course. The latest improvement in boats controlled from shore is said to be a craft whose course is directed by playing a searchlight on a selenium cell. The electrical resistance of selenium varies in light and darkness, and this fact can be taken advantage of to manipulate the steering apparatus by means of the rays of the searchlight beam.

Government to Use Buildings.

Prof. C. C. Nutting, who will lead a party of Iowa scientists in an expedition to the West Indies next summer, has received word, says the Iowa University News Letter, that the English government building on the Pelican islands, which will be the base of the expedition, will not be turned over to the explorers without cost. Some of the men who intended to go with this expedition at first have since entered war service, but plans are going forward rapidly and the outlook is most promising, Professor Nutting declares. He made a preliminary visit to the [illegible] expedition last summer, and [illegible] has never seen a place [illegible] for scientific re[illegible].

According to the department of agriculture, the 1917 corn crop is 3,191,083,000 bushels, the greatest by 66,000,000 bushels ever grown in this country, and a record yield of potatoes also is reported. Now will prices drop?

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Ignored Body Evaporation.

In the early days of steam vessels a firing suit was invented. A thin metal or asbestos cover was lined with rubber. The wearer carried a small water tank on his back. By opening a small valve near his shoulder he could sprinkle his bare skin. The inventor scalded to death, notes a writer, trying to prove his point. The sad part of it was that he was on the wrong track entirely. The suit made body evaporation nearly impossible, and that is really what cools us.

Clear Conscience.

Say, old fellow, don't carry the joke too far. Send the umbrella to Room 11, Fraternity Building. If the owner is not in just set it up beside the door. Or if you have that weak feeling and are in need of a tonic, and not able to climb the stairway, you can just pitch the shower stick in at the lower door entrance and return home, or any old place you like, carrying a clear conscience of one having done a good and worthy deed. Try it once.—Winchester Sun.

Right of Choice.

You cannot always choose your associates, but you can select your companions, observes a sage. Circumstances may throw you with people who are distasteful to you, but circumstances cannot force you to take them to your hearts and into your confidence. Choice is stronger than environment. Wherever you are, you always have the privilege of choosing.

Live Right.

Right living and the right kind of work have changed many a stunted boy into a well-developed man, asserts an educator. Spiritual growth is not greatly aided by sitting down and thinking about it. Live in the sunshine of trust. Rely on a strength higher than your own. Reach out helpfully to others, and growth in the divine life will look after itself.

The Shawm.

A shawm was a wind instrument of the oboe class but with a wider bell. It is a very old type of musical instrument, as it is spoken of by the Psalmist. The Romans used it freely. There were treble shawms and bass shawms, and the name gradually gave way about the sixteenth century to "moboy" or "howboy," eventually evolving to "oboe."

Working and Thinking.

There is no less virtue, rather more, in events, tasks, duties, obligations, than there is in books. Work itself has a singular power to unfold and develop our nature. The difference is not between working people and thinking people, but between people who work without thinking and people who think while they work.—Henry Van Dyke.

Written Before Christ.

All the books of the Old Testament were written long before the birth of Christ, some of them as much as 1,400 years before, others from 500 to 1,000 years before, and none less than 300 to 400 years before. The Gospels and other books of the New Testament were written from 33 to 60 or 70 years after the birth of Christ.

Might Have Saved French.

In the Franco-Prussian war a dispatch was "lost" which might have averted the French defeat in 1870. Bazaine, whose message Marshal MacMahon never received, was after the war ordered shot for treason, a sentence which was commuted to 20 years' imprisonment.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 1918
From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD,
SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1918
From 1 to 4 P. M.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN WALTONS
FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, 1918
From 1 to 4 P M.

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JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF D. B. MALONEY, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
EVERY MONDAY,
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JOSEPH C. HUTCHISON,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

TOWN OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN
EVERY SATURDAY,
DURING MARCH 1918
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AT MY RESIDENCE ON CASS STREET
ALL OTHER DAYS
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T. EDGAR CLAYTON,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

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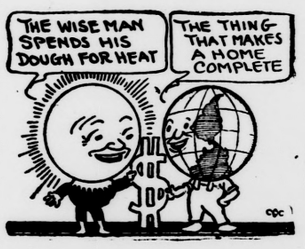

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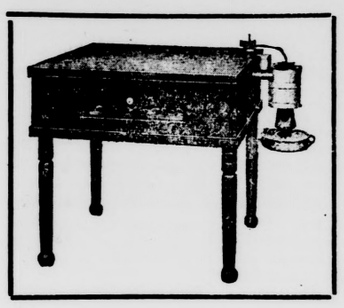

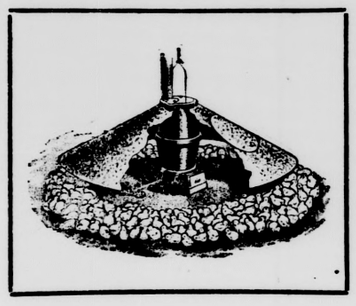

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

SUGAR SUPPLY IS ASSURED PACKERS

FOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS ADVISED THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

EQUIPMENT OF WAR PLANES

Each Aircraft Needs Extra Material and Staff of Skilled Men—Removal of Officers From Medical Reserve Corps.

Washington.—Manufacturers of essential food products have been advised by the food administration that they will be able to obtain their full requirements of sugar for manufacturing purposes during the coming year.

This applies particularly to packers of fruit, condensed milk, such vegetables for the preservation of which sugar may be necessary, as well as to the housewives, for usage in preserving purposes. As soon as the car shortage is relieved, according to the food administration statement, supplies of sugar will be available for these purposes. Shipments from Cuba are steadily increasing.

All canners have been advised to hold for war purposes such quantities of canned corn, peas, tomatoes, string beans, and salmon as they may have on hand. Such quantities as are not wanted will be released within a few days after receipt of reports showing stocks on hand, which must be submitted to the food administration before March 15.

After three years of warfare the total number of airplanes able to take the air at any one time on either side of the western front has not been over 2,500. Each plane in the air requires a force of 46 men, two replacement planes on the ground, and one training plane for every pilot who eventually reaches the front, with an extra engine for each plane.

The life of a plane is not more than two months, and the engine must be overhauled after each 75 hours. Now that American battle planes are going overseas, the great problem is to secure the thousands of skilled mechanics, engineers, motor repair men, wood and metal workers needed to keep the planes in perfect condition. This engineering and mechanical force at the airdromes, the flying fields, and repair depots, both here and behind the lines in France, is a vital industrial link in the chain to air supremacy.

From the declaration of war to February 23, the surgeon general of the army has removed 1,050 officers of the Medical Reserve corps. In the following table the reason assigned for discharge does not isolate under "inaptitude for the service" all those whose dismissal was in considerable degree due to inefficiency or incompetency, since these reasons had weight in many cases otherwise classified.

Discharged for physical disability, 411; inaptitude for the service, 154; to join other branches, 303; domestic difficulties, 59; resignation, 88; needed by communities, hospitals, schools, 32.

During the same period there have been 2,265 promotions, including some officers promoted more than once.

Plans have been announced for the organization of "Junior Four-Minute Men" in every school in the country. According to the division of Four-Minute Men of the committee of public information, bulletins especially prepared for school children will be sent during the third Liberty loan campaign for distribution by superintendents to all schools in the United States. Addresses will be prepared from the material in these bulletins just as regular Four-Minute speakers in motion-picture houses prepare their own speeches from bulletins supplied by the government.

In each school the children submitting the best speeches are to deliver them in public. According to plans the boy or girl awarded first prize is to get a certificate from the United States government as a Junior Four-Minute Man.

Packages containing dutiable gifts sent to members of the expeditionary forces temporarily serving in England will be delivered free of duty, provided the contents contain bona fide gifts, the quantity is not beyond the personal requirements of the addressee, and that the parcels are addressed for delivery to the regimental address of the recipient.

A navy base hospital with a capacity of 500 beds has reached the war zone. It will take care of navy personnel, both ashore and afloat, and if accommodations exist will also be available for army and allied sick and wounded.

All persons or firms engaged in importing, manufacturing, storing, or distributing fertilizers of fertilizer ingredients must secure licenses on or before March 20. Application must be made to the Law Department, License Division, United States food administration, Washington, D. C.

It is reported from Germany that wood is being largely used in place of celluloid, ivory, and other substances for the manufacture of combs. Excellent toilet combs are made from thinly cut birch and beechwood.

A Canadian order in council provides for the free admission into Canada of meat cattle until February 7, 1919, when imported by bona fide residents of Canada under regulations by the minister of customs. Cattle, except for breeding purposes, are ordinarily dutiable at 32½ per cent.

Only the 12-cylinder type of Liberty motor for airplanes is now being built, it having been thought best in view of developments abroad to concentrate on the high-powered engine instead of the eight-cylinder.

A memorandum made public by the war department concerning the use of armed guards about industrial plants contains the following:

"The soldier in training who has offered his life for the defense of country should not sacrifice his effectiveness by performing police duty in the protection of property back of the lines. This is the duty of the citizen at home.

"The theater for operations for armed soldiers is the battlefield of Europe. Each civilian should aid his country by acting as a guard for the detection and prevention of intrigue, deceit, and all the familiar stealthy operations of the enemy, in our midst. Each soldier unnecessarily detailed as a guard in this country aids and abets the enemy in Europe.

"Often a guard may be needed for the safety of a factory. When it is, it should be supplied by the owner of the factory, by the municipality, or by the state.

"These measures apply not only to manufacturing plants, but are equally applicable to shipyards, grain elevators, and stores of supplies."

The necessity for thorough and continuous training of troops in gas defense is shown by a statement proved by captured German documents:

The Germans at a certain position on the western front knew the British were planning to deliver a gas attack on a German division equipped with masks, but poorly trained in their use. In spite of the fact that they had several days to drill before conditions were suitable for the British attack, when it was finally made hundreds of German casualties resulted.

Many kinds of gases are used in modern warfare. Some merely affect the eyes temporarily, and are more inconvenient than serious. Other gases are terrible in their effect unless proper protection is available. They are employed in clouds, or in shells, bombs, and hand grenades.

It is the work of the field training section of the gas defense service to bring home to the American soldier the importance of his gas mask, to thoroughly drill him in its use and to inspire confidence in its efficiency.

According to an announcement by the war trade board a special license has been issued covering shipments made by persons in the United States to, and for the personal use of, individuals serving in the United States army or navy or the American Red Cross abroad.

This license does not permit shipments by persons in this country to American prisoners of war, but has been issued to facilitate small personal shipments to soldiers and sailors and Red Cross workers by doing away with the necessity of securing an individual export license in each case. Shipments by mail under this license must be made in accordance with the regulations of the post office department. If it becomes necessary later to limit this license to certain specified commodities notice will be given through the press.

The United States rifle, model of 1917, commonly called the modified Enfield, has now been tested in the service of the army a sufficient time to warrant the assertion that it more than justifies the claims made for it, according to a statement authorized by the secretary of war.

The new rifle takes a 30-caliber cartridge, which has the advantage over the British Enfield of being rimless. It has been found that unless rim cartridges are fed through the magazine uniformly with the rim of the top cartridge ahead of the rim of the one immediately below, jams are likely to occur.

The model of 1917 has an over-all length of 46.3 inches; a total weight including oiler and thong case and bayonet of ten pounds and five ounces. The breech mechanism is of the bolt type.

In the new school opened at Rochester, N. Y., to train photographers for the Signal corps, the primary training will cover four weeks along highly specialized developments brought out in the war. At its close the successful graduates will be sent on for a month's advanced training, after which they will be organized into units and sent overseas.

Men with the highest grades will be given still further training for commissions as photographic intelligence officers, first at a school and then in actual flights at the flying fields.

During the month of January $11,787,517 were paid out to farmers of the United States by the federal land banks on long-time first-mortgage loans, according to a statement by the federal farm loan board.

On February 1 the total amount of money paid out to farmers since the establishment of the federal land banks was $50,782,432, covering 24,020 loans closed. The total amount of loans applied for up to February 1 was $260,556,891, representing 112,146 applications.

Near beer and temperance drinks coming within the designation of malt liquor are included in the President's proclamation limiting brewers of beer to 70 per cent of the amounts of grains and other food materials that were used last year.

Massachusetts and Michigan chapters of the Daughters of the Revolution are establishing "mending rooms" in cantonments. These departments are opened for hospitals, where hundreds of garments are mended each week.

In spite of unsettled conditions, the total American trade with Russia amounted to $438,000,000 in 1917, a decrease of only $39,000,000 as compared with 1916. This decrease was in the trade with Asiatic Russia and is attributed to congestion and import restrictions at Vladivostok.

The campaign to raise a second $100,000,000 has been announced by the American Red Cross for the week beginning May 6. To date nearly $90,000,000 has been appropriated for war relief work.

STATE CAPITAL

Building Associations.

A bonus and franchise tax on the capital stock of all building and loan associations is provided for in a bill offered by Senator Johnson at the instance of the State Tax Commission. The bill amends the law of 1916, which specifically exempted this type of corporations from the payment of such a tax. The measure first fixes a flat rate of $20 bonus tax on building and loan or homestead companies, to be assessed by the commission when certificates of incorporation or amendments to charters increasing capital stock are filed. It then further provides for the annual payment of one-tenth of one per cent. on the total amount of paid-in capital stock. This payment is to be made in lieu of all other taxation of this type of corporation. Upon payment of the bonus or franchise tax, the Tax Commission is to apportion one-fourth of the fee to the state and the remaining three-fourths are to go to the county wherein is located the home office of the company, or to Baltimore City, as the case may be. Where building or homestead associations or companies carry on any other business than that naturally pertaining to homestead and building operations, the value of its assets, outside of the specified line of business, will be subject to the regular rate of taxation. The same division of this tax, between the state and county or the city, is to be made.

State Tax Measure.

The question of fees in the office of the Secretary of State is opened up by a bill prepared by the State Tax Commission and introduced by Mr. Johnson. The measure substitutes the State Tax Commission for the Secretary of State as Maryland's agent for receiving charters, reports and appoints of agents of foreign corporations. It further provides for the payment of a franchise tax on the basis of capital employed by these corporations in the state. Even shares of stock in foreign corporations, which shares are owned in the state are made subject to the proposed new law. It is provided that the personal property, located in Maryland, of all foreign corporations shall be subject to taxation just as if it were held by persons resident in the state.

Oyster Dredgers Win.

The Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries reported unfavorably Mr. Rodger's bill, which practically turned over to the tongmen 800 of the 1,200 acres of oyster bottoms off the Anne Arundel shore, above the mouth of the Severn River. The Anne Arundel delegates made a strong effort to substitute the bill for the unfavorable report, Mr. Melvin leading the fight. Members from the tidewater counties lined up against the bill because they thought it an entering wedge that might bring an invasion on the dredgers' grounds in their territory, Mr. Allen, of Baltimore county, who displayed a marked familiarity with the oyster question and with the geography of the Chesapeake Bay, led the fight against the bill, which was laid on the table.

Maryland School For Boys.

Two bills were introduced by Senator Metzerott, which, if enacted into law, will make the Maryland School for Boys a state institution. The measure transfers to the state all the property, real and personal, and the state will then assume all mortgage, liens and encumbrances, and pay the floating debt of $35,000. The second bill provides a per capita cost of all boys sent to the institution by the city and counties. This is fixed at $130, payable in quarterly instalments of $32.50. Accommodation is provided for 250 boys, the apportionment being made according to the population. If the amount received by the school is insufficient to maintain it, then the amount necessary shall be made up by the state as heretofore.

The Budget Next.

The House is preparing to take up at once the budget, which has been pigeon-holed for over a month. The business of the House is pretty well up to date. It will be able to rush the bill through in a week. If there is any further delay responsibility will rest on the Senate. The Governor is preparing a supplemental budget, carrying appropriations for repair of state roads, with a possible recommendation for a bond issue for the same purpose. The additional budget will carry several minor items.

Hunters' License Bill.

The House Committee on Game and Fish gave a hearing to State Game Warden LeCompte, Conservation Commissioners Kemp and Killian, Talbot Denmead and Dr. B. Holly Smith in favor of the state-wide hunting and fishing license bill. An amendment was agreed to prohibiting hunters from trespassing on land without owners' permission. The bill carries a fee of $5 for state-wide license and $1 for local licenses.

For Defense Highway.

Senator Metzerott introduced a bill authorizing the State Roads Commission to construct the national defense highway and use the money to be contributed by the Federal government in completing the work, each paying a proportion of the cost. This road would extend from camp Parole to Bladensburg, where it meets the Washington Boulevard, and the proposition is to begin at the same time at either end.

TO SAVE STATE'S FOOD.

Demonstration Agents End Conference At College Park.

College Park.—Maryland's 32 home demonstration agents closed their annual conference at the State College with probably the most complete plans for the home economics work of the coming year which any state has yet made.

Every Maryland county at present has a resident home demonstration agent—women who are working for the State and Government to aid Maryland housewives in the production, preservation and conservation of food. There are five urban demonstrators in Baltimore, while Hagerstowns and Cumberland have one each. Of the total number of agents in the State, five are colored women who have been working in the negro communities.

The plans of the agents for the coming year, as outlined in the conference, are far-reaching. They include, first, the organization of more clubs, both children's and women's, and time will be given to the production of food in gardens and the proper care of it after the food is grown.

The garden club work during the coming season will be materially aided by the appointment by the Government of Prof. B. E. Anspon, formerly of the State College, to the position of garden specialist. Professor Anspon will co-operate with all the agents for a more extensive garden campaign and the greater efficiency of rural gardens as well as those in the city.

Thus far the home demonstrations Thrift Stamp campaign, and to further their work in this line, in which they have co-operated with the school authorities. Robert Crain, Thrift Stamp Director of Maryland, made an address to the conference, which was one of the features of the week.

A conservative estimate of the number of containers of fruit and vegetables conserved last year by Maryland housewives, as given by State Agent Miss Venia Kellar, exceeds 1,000,000. Local agents have been instrumental in making the "Uncle Sam's Shelf" and "Supply Base" ideas popular. Several of these "bases" throughout the State have donated as much as 2,000 pounds of jam and hundreds of containers of preserves and jellies for use in the army hospitals.

The coming season is looked to as one in which the work of last year will be doubled at least.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The Roads Commission of Calvert county is to be taken out of politics—that is, out of frankly open politics. At present the law provides for the appointment of two, commissioners one recommended by the Republican State Central Committee for the county and the other by the Democratic State Central Committee. Senator Joy has introduced a bill calling for a commission of three members to be appointed by the County Commissioners. He names Benjamin Parran, Reverdy U. King and James C. Chaney as the first commission to serve until 1922, when the new method of appointing the commission is to become effective.

Senator Grason's proposed amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting Legislatures from ratifying an amendment to the Federal Constitution unless elected after Congress passes the Federal amendment, was favorably reported in the Senate, and that report was adopted. Had such a law been in effect the present Legislature could not have ratified the National Prohibition amendment, as it was not passed until some time after the present Legislature was elected.

The Senate adopted a favorable report by the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution on Senator Bennett's bill, fixing the pay of legislators at $1,000 each, and removing the 90-day limit on sessions. Sentiment in favor of the measure seems to be much stronger in the Senate than was expected.

The initiative amendment of Senator Warfield was killed as dead as could be. It was reported without recommendation. Senator Warfield moved to put it on its second reading, but instead of doing so the Senate first voted down the motion, and then voted to indefinitely postpone consideration of the measure.

The Williams bills for abolishing the Orphans Courts and Register of Wills offices in all the counties and in the city, transferring their duties to the Circuit Courts, were killed on second reading in the House. Delegates Benson and McIntosh spoke against the measure, which called for constitutional amendments.

Senator Eppler has offered a bill to prohibit the mixing of air with natural or artificial gas furnished for heating, lighting, cooking and manufacturing purposes in Allegany county. Such mixing is declared in the bill to be a fraud, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

Senator Sproesser introduced a bill giving keepers of livery stables and garages a lien on horses or automobiles for unpaid claims for stabling or storing, the lien to be satisfied by sale at public auction after 20 days' notice if necessary.

Among the bills passed by the Senate was President Campbell's abolishing the various armory commissions, and creating one commission to have charge of all state armories. The bill is regarded as an Administration measure.

The Senate also passed the Campbell bill, requiring dealers in kosher meat to so brand their product, and if they deal in both kosher and non-kosher meat to display signs to that effect.

DAIRY FACTS

ENORMOUS WASTE IN WINTER

Minnesota Dairy Expert Makes Startling Statement as to Amount of Milk That Is Wasted.

Three and one-half billion pounds of milk are practically wasted in the dairy states every winter. This makes 21,000,000 pounds every day. The foregoing is a startling statement, but R. M. Washburn of the division of dairy husbandry, Minnesota College of Agriculture, says it is true. The farmer feeds most of his skim milk to hogs. This milk, fed to hogs, produces only 20 per cent of its energy value in edible pork. Eighty per cent of its energy value is lost. Mr. Washburn says, though, that some milk is necessary to start pigs off strongly.

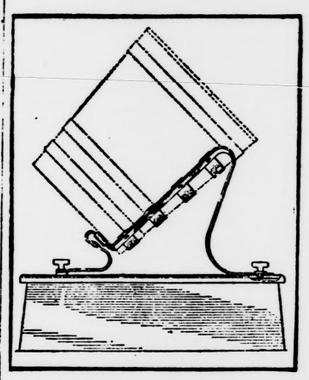
Much more of the energy value of the skim milk will be saved if it is made into cottage cheese. Every 100 pounds of skim milk, says Mr. Washburn, is equivalent to 20 pounds of ordinary meat, and will make 15 pounds of cottage cheese. The cheese contains about one-third more protein and one-third less energy than meat, and is therefore essentially equivalent to meat.

DEVICE ON BUTTER SCALES

Resilient Support Absorbs Most of Shock When Tub Is Thrown Hastily on Platform.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing an attachment for scales, invented by F. D. Shea, 164 Chambers street New York, says:

This device is adapted particularly for the weighing of butter. It consists of a resilient support secured to the platform of the scales, which will absorb most of the shock when a tub of butter is thrown hastily thereon,



Attachment for Scales.

thus relieving the scales of jar and making it possible to ascertain the weight of a tub of butter more quickly.

OPEN SHED IS SATISFACTORY

Experiments Conducted by Department of Agriculture on Government Farm at Beltsville.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In experiments at Beltsville, Md., by the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, a warm barn, commonly deemed essential for large milk production during the winter months, proved to be somewhat less satisfactory than an open shed. Experiments extending over three years showed that cows housed in the open shed consumed a little more feed, required more bedding and slightly increased labor cost, but because more milk was produced and on account of the lower cost of housing, the open shed was found to be somewhat more economical.

BEST GRASSES FOR PASTURE

When Sowing Make Up Mixture So That Some of Plants Will Be Growing at All Times.

It is possible for pasture to be so scant that the cow uses up all her energy in securing enough nutrients from it to maintain her body. When sowing for pasture make up a mixture of grasses such that some one of the grasses will be green and palatable at all times of the growing season.

REAL SUCCESS IN DAIRYING

End Can Be Brought About By Partnership Between Good Cow and Intelligent Feeder.

Real success in dairying comes from a partnership between the good cow and the good feeder. Many a good cow fails because never given a chance to prove her ability. If one would be a successful dairyman he must study the business, learn how to know cows and how to feed them.

Building Up Dairy Herd.

A good dairy herd is built up only after years of constructive breeding and selection. To sell these herds for beef would be to undo much of the effective work which has been done.

Keep All Milk Cows.

Don't dry up the milk cows. They are going to be scarce and high priced next year.

Study Your Cows.

When a dairyman begins to study each cow in his herd with the idea of keeping only those which will produce economically and abundantly he is on the right road to success.

Rule in Finding Milk Cost.

One good rule in finding milk cost is to allow half for feed and one-quarter for labor.

Save Farm Machinery.

Save your farm machinery; there is likely to be a scarcity.

POULTRY

DRINKING WATER FOR FOWLS

Sufficient Supply, Frequently Renewed, Is as Necessary as Proper Amount of Food.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

If your flock of poultry has not been doing as well as you think it ought to, perhaps it is because you have not been providing the chickens with a supply of fresh, pure drinking water. Of course, lack of thrift and low egg yields may be due to a number of other certain causes, such as poor stock, poor feed (both quality and quantity), bad housing conditions, diseases, presence of lice and mites, and lack of care. But for some reason many poultry raisers who give attention to these items sometimes neglect the water supply. A supply of pure drinking water frequently renewed is as necessary for poultry as sufficient amounts of food.

There are two different types of drinking vessels for poultry in common use: Open vessels—pails, pans, crocks and the like; and drinking fountains so constructed that dust and dirt cannot get into the water except by way of a very small exposed surface.

These quite opposite types of drinking vessels are about equally popular with poultry keepers. Open vessels catch more dirt and dust, but are more easily cleaned. Closed fountains may be used much longer without cleaning, but if allowed to become foul are harder to clean thoroughly.

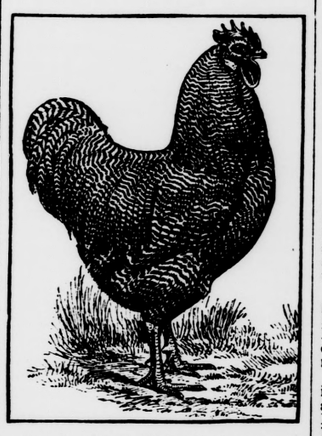
Placing open drinking vessels on a shelf a foot or more above the floor prevents the hens from scratching coarse litter into them, but does not keep out the dust which floats in the air and settles in the water.

Thoroughly rinsing open vessels once a day and scalding drinking fountains once or twice a week will usually keep them as clean as necessary.

VARIATION IN BARRED ROCKS

Pains Must Be Taken to Keep Fowls Typical of the Variety They Represent.

To see the many flocks of chickens over the country, varying in size, shape and color, yet all dubbed pure-bred Plymouth Rocks, or Reds, or Wyandottes, as the case may be, leads one to wonder if breeders, aside from those who breed for the showroom, know what the type of their breed is. The variation in a Barred Rock, or



Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerel.

Red, or "Dotte," from the type of bird accepted by the standard, is great. Unless some pains are taken to keep the birds of a breed typical of the variety they represent, a comparatively short time makes all the breeds look alike.

RIGHT QUALITIES OF MALES

They Should Be Gallant, but Not Too Generous, and Thus Deprive Himself—Study Nature of Bird.

The male should be gallant, ever ready to share his meals with the hens; but he must not be too generous and thus deprive himself, or he will be underfed, become nervous, and not prove to be a good breeder. The glutton male is equally bad. He becomes overfat while the hens do not get their share, and the consequence is poor fertility. The nature of every male bird should be studied.

Poultry in Orchard.

Poultry in an orchard saves some expense for cultivation, but the saving is partly offset by the cost of building and maintaining poultry fences and division yards and by injury to fruit caused by the presence of the poultry.

SAVE THE HENS.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Every pullet and young hen sold for food this winter means a reduction of from five to twelve dozen eggs in the potential egg supply of next spring and summer.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers who have not raised poultry will do so next spring and summer—responding to the demand for more chickens and eggs so that beef and pork will be released to help win the war. They will need young hens.

The United States department of agriculture urges the saving of fowls of producing qualities, so that they may be used for stock in the early spring.

Fresh Air in Henhouse.

While plenty of fresh air is necessary to keep the air pure in a poultry house no draft should blow on the fowls.

ON GUARD

At this time of the year people feel weak, tired, listless, their blood is thin, they have lived indoors and perhaps expended all their mental and bodily energy and they want to know how to renew their energy and stamina, overcome headaches and backaches, have clear eyes, a smooth, ruddy skin, and feel the exhilaration of real good health tingling thru their body. Good, pure, rich, red blood is the best insurance against ills of all kinds. Almost all diseases come from impure and impoverished blood. It is to be noticed in the pale or pimply face, the tired, haggard appearance or the listless manner.

Drink hot water a half hour before meals, and for a vegetable tonic there's nothing better than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the old-fashioned herbal remedy, which has had such a fine reputation for fifty years. It contains no alcohol or narcotics. It is made from Golden Seal root, Bloodroot, Oregon grape root, Queen's root, Black Cherry bark, extracted with glycerine and made into tablets and liquid. Tablets sixty cents, at most drug stores.

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"Hold," replied the other; "you can't be on good terms with friends who keep themselves at such a very great distance."—Exchange.

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"For years I suffered terribly with itching and bleeding piles. I tried everything and despaired of ever getting rid of them. It gives me great pleasure to state that Peterson's Ointment entirely cured me, and I sincerely recommend it to all sufferers."—Yours truly, David A. Seymour, Supt. of Parks, Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

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WAS DISCOURAGED

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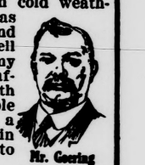

Mr. Goering

"Another trouble was from irregular and scanty passages of the kidney secretions. I became dull and weak and had to give up my work. Headaches and dizzy spells nearly blinded me and I went from 265 to 200 in weight. Nothing helped me and I felt I was doomed to suffer.

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VISIT US ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, AT THE STORE OF FOGEL & BURSTAN, BROAD AND MAIN STREETS, MIDDLETOWN

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On Monday, March 11th, on the road leading from Middletown to Warwick, Md., a black pocket book, containing a ladies gold watch, with name in back, "Myrtle Blanche Waller," Philadelphia baby's ring, 2 or 3 keys and a few papers. Liberal reward will be paid finder.

Address
MRS. BLANCHE Batezel,
111 Maryland Ave.,
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MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION

The forty fifth annual meeting of The Mutal Loan Association of Middletown, Delaware, will be held

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 1918,

at 7 o'clock, P. M.

in the office of the Secretary, for the purpose of electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve one year, also Three Directors to serve three years.

DANIEL W. STEVENS,
Secretary.

Proposals

Proposals will be received by the Levy Court of New Castle County up to noon Tuesday, March 26, 1918, for crushed stone in various sizes, at local quarries throughout the county.

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Public Sale!

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale at SHALLCROSS' COAL YARD, Middletown, Del,

Saturday, March 23rd, '18

At two o'clock, P. M., Sharp,

The following described Personal Property to-wit:

ONE SORREL HORSE

Four years old, 15 hands high, will weigh 900 pounds.

CARPENTERS TOOLS

Carpenters tools, some good saws, plough and plane, mitre box ladders, shovel, forks, fly nets, tool boxes, boxes of nails, bolts etc., all good and assorted. Carriage, cart, sulky, hay cutter, grindstone, vice and bench, saw sets, and odds and ends that are useful, 3 chairs, picks, 1 rocker, 1 lounge, 1 table, 1 trunk, 2 small sets of drawers for tools, feed boxes, 2 lap blankets. Stable to be removed in 30 days after sale.

TERMS OF SALE

All sums under, $25 cash will be required, over that amount 6 months credit will be allowed the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser. No goods to be moved until terms are complied with.

MARY L. PRICE, Administratrix for GEORGE W. PRICE, Deceased

GEORGE W. PADLEY, Auc.

Public Sale!

Tee undersigned will sell at public sale, near Wilson's station, two miles south of Newark, on

Tuesday, March 19th, 1918

at 10 o'clock P. M.

His Stock of Horses Cows and Implements

EVERETT C. JOHNSON

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Household Goods etc.

I will sell all my household effects consisting of furniture, books, pictures etc, during the next few days.

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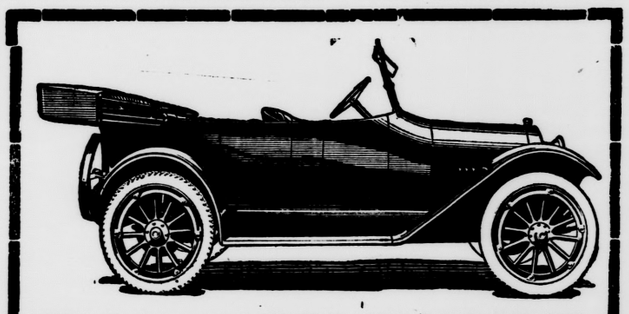

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